the parking areas; compilation of data regarding suspected auto-lifters operating in Delhi and its circulation to all the Police Stations; and setting up of inter-State coordination committee with the neighbouring States, etc. to share crime and criminal related information.

Increasing street vendors and hawkers causing hardships to regular traffic

1541. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that street vendor and hawkers have increased in various parts of NCT of Delhi causing lot of hardships to the inflow of regular traffic; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to immediately remove these hawkers and street vendors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO) (a) and (b) The hawking and vending on pavements and roads do cause inconvenience to the commuters. However, Delhi Police and municipal authorities have standing instructions to remove such unauthorized encroachments. Besides, Dehli Police have recently issued a notification wich provides for prosecution of motorists found purchasing goods from vendors at traffic intersections.

Portraits displayed in offices of Central Ministers

1542. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per practice/guidelines, the portraits of only President of India and the Prime Minister are displayed in the offices of Council of Ministers of Central Government;

(b) whether guidelines have been revised recently; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) No instructions/guidelines have been issued regarding display of portraits/photographs of national leaders and other dignitaries. The matter has been left to the Head of Departments to decide whether they should at all exhibit any portrait/photograph in the office premises/rooms and, if so, of which particular leader, ensuring that no controversy arises out of the display of any such portrait/photograph.

Killing of terrorists at Ansal Plaza in Delhi

1543. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some terrorists went berserk in the Ansal Plaza in the capital on Diwali eve ending in an open encounter with the Police;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Police has been able to identify the alleged terrorists and establish their motives and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported statement of a doctor that the alleged terrorists did not indulge in any firing as alleged by the police;

(e) if so, Government's reaction thereto and whether any inquiry has been instituted regarding this incident; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Based on a specific intelligence, a team of Delhi Police on 3rd November, 2002 intercepted two Pakistani terrorist belonging to Lashkar-e-Toiba at the under ground parking lot of Ansal Plaza Shopping Complex when the two alightend from a Maruti Car No. DL-8C-B3241. As the terrorists opened fire, it was returned by the police personnel on duty as a result of which both of them were shot dead. The two slain terrorists were subsequntly indentified as Dawood Ali ahmed @ Abu Anas, resident of Kasoor, Punjab, Pakistan and Ezaz Ahmed, resident of Gujaranwala, Punjab, Pakistan.